

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
U.S. MARINE LANCE CORPORAL
THOMAS OLIVER KEELING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Marine Lance Corporal Thomas Oliver Keeling, who courageously and selflessly heeded the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Corporal Keeling's life was defined by his family, friends, love for his country and an unbridled energy and joy that he freely extended to others. He received inner strength and faith from those who knew him best and loved him most, especially his parents, Sherry Berry and Thomas Keeling, step-parents, Robert Berry and Diane Palos, and siblings, Erin, Kristen and Rebecca.

Corporal Keeling was a dedicated family member, student and Marine. After graduating from Strongsville High School in 2000, he enrolled at Kent State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 2004. He was always willing to go the extra mile for his family, friends, and for those with whom he served beside, with the highest level of honor and integrity, the men and women of Weapons Company—3rd Battalion, 25th U.S. Marine Regiment in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Lance Corporal Thomas Oliver Keeling. I extend my deepest condolences to his entire family, extended family, and to his many friends. The immeasurable sacrifice, significant service, and unwavering bravery that framed his young life will be forever held within the hearts of all who knew and loved him well. Corporal Keeling's life is testament to all that is good in humanity, and his legacy will be honored and remembered by the people of Strongsville, the Cleveland community, and the entire Nation, for all time.

HONORING CODY-ANNE WEISE AND
AMY TRAVIS AS RECIPIENTS OF
THE WELCH'S SCHOLARSHIP

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the exemplary academic achievements of Cody-Anne Weise and Amy Travis as recipients of the Welch's scholarship.

Children and grandchildren of Welch's and the National Grape Cooperative employees are eligible for the \$1,500 scholarship.

Ms. Weise is the daughter of James and Cynthia Weise of Sherman. Mrs. Weise is employed by Welch's as harvest, fruit receiving supervisor at the North East, Pennsylvania plant. Cody-Anne is a 2003 graduate of Sherman Central School and a graduate of Jamestown Community College with an associate's degree in individual studies. In August, Ms. Weise will enter SUNY Fredonia as a junior with plans to study secondary English education.

Ms. Travis is the daughter of David and Marcia Travis of Brocton, NY and the granddaughter of Edward Sunday. Mr. Sunday is a member of the National Grape Cooperative and a retired 30-year employee of Welch's. Amy participates in the 3-1-3 program at SUNY Fredonia making this the third time she has been awarded with the scholarship. This fall Amy plans to return to Fredonia State to major in music education.

I am honored Mr. Speaker, to have an opportunity to honor these accomplished and bright women.

CONGRATULATING THE GRANT
FAMILY ON THE BIRTH OF
THEIR CHILD, ALLISON MARIE

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Bill and Claudia Grant on the birth of their child. Allison Marie Grant was welcomed into this world at 7:04 am on June 17th, 2005, weighing 6 pounds 12½ ounces. Both the mother and father's families were present to celebrate the joyful birth. The entire Citrus County Community welcomes their newest citizen. I congratulate Bill and Claudia on the new addition to their family and wish them years of continued health and happiness.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. DENT. Mr. Chairman, I would like to express my support for the Community Services Block Grants, and take a moment to highlight the effect these grants have on my District. CSBG funds are used to support the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLTV). I have a long history of working with the CACLTV on a wide range of antipoverty initiatives which include housing, hunger, and community development, and I have seen the positive contributions that CACLTV has made as a result of CSBG funding.

CSBG grants are uniquely effective because they are locally-controlled and respond to the particular need of each individual community. The grants produce a return on investments and have a sophisticated outcome-based accountability system. In my district, the CACLTV generates over \$8 for each CSBG dollar; half of that leveraged money comes from private

sources which include utilities, banks, churches, foundations, and individuals.

CACLTV runs two homeless shelters in my district—Safe Harbor in Easton and the 6th Street Shelter in Allentown. These shelters serve individuals and families with issues ranging from drug and alcohol dependence to mental health. The CACLTV also operates Second Harvest Food Bank, distributing about 5 million pounds of donated and government food to over 170 agencies each year.

CACLTV operates three community development subsidiaries that are conducting entrepreneurial training and offer micro loans to help create dozens of micro enterprises each year. These CDC's operate two inner-city farmers' markets, offer cash assistance to struggling neighborhood-based businesses, provide residential and commercial facade improvement grants, and youth recreation programs.

Finally, CACLTV operates a comprehensive financial services program that teaches dozens of low income families to save money and buy homes. Additionally, the CACLTV offers free tax preparation services to over 600 tax-paying households.

Beyond these impressive efforts, the CACLTV has a record of building partnerships. It conceived and led a campaign that resulted in two open space referenda. This project is set to generate \$70 million to create and enhance parks, protect natural areas and preserve farms. The CACLTV's housing initiatives have led campaigns to create housing trust funds in two counties in my district, and funded programs that have dramatically expanded homeownership throughout the Lehigh Valley.

The funding reductions included in this bill will greatly impact CACLTV and Community Action Agencies across the country. The Executive Director of CACLTV expects that a cut in excess of 50 percent will result in the closing of one of its homeless shelters and all of its small business development work and perhaps even more.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that my district and the nation need the services that Community Action agencies provide. Although I understand the tight budget constraints we face, these programs will stimulate the economy and improve the quality of life for the residents of my district. As the appropriations process advances, I would like to express my support for funding levels equal to the final FY 2005 appropriations for CSBG.

REGARDING MEETING WITH
GENERAL LLOYD W. NEWTON

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, on June 27th and 28th, I have requested an official leave of absence to attend to issues that are of vital importance to the people of Maine. I will be meeting with Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) representative General Lloyd W. Newton at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Limestone, Maine. This facility is currently slated to close as part of the BRAC process. I will be leading General Lloyd W. Newton on a tour of the base to present the case that the facility must not be closed.